

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern Bell)
Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri, for)
Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection)
Agreement Under the Telecommunications Act of)
1996)

File No. TK-2021-0004

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and submits its Recommendation as follows:

1. On July 8, 2020, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Missouri (“AT&T Missouri”) filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission an application for approval of an amendment to a negotiated Interconnection Agreement with Avid Communications under the provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2. 47 USC 252(e)(2) provides that a state commission may only reject an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation if the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to it or its implementation is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

3. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff hereby states that the amendment to the Interconnection Agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not parties to it, nor is its implementation inconsistent with the public interest, convenience or necessity. A copy of the Agreement was filed with the Application. AT&T Missouri is certificated with the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier and is registered to provide IVoIP service. Avid Communications is certificated with the Commission as a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission approve the Application and direct the parties to submit to the Commission any further modifications or amendments to the Interconnection Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 12th day of August, 2020.

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